

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.429]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Judge Elijah Hise Norton Collection

Abstract: Family history of the Elijah Hise Norton family. Includes original correspondence, photographs and newspaper clippings. Norton was a county judge, a US Representative and a MO Supreme Court judge.

Extent: 1/5 cubic foot

Physical Description: Paper; Newspaper Clippings; Photographs

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFs of the photographs

Access Restrictions: See staff for access to the Daguerreotype

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Judge Elijah Hise Norton (1821-1914) served much of his adult life in public elected positions in Missouri. He began his career as a lawyer in Platte City, but soon was elected Circuit Judge of his large, local circuit. From there, he became a U.S. Representative on the Democratic ticket, served in two state Constitutional Conventions and spent 12 years on the bench of the Missouri Supreme Court. He was married and had several children.

1821 Born in Kentucky

1852	Elected Circuit Judge of the Platte, Buchanan, Andrew, Nodaway, Atchison, Holt and Gentry County Circuit
1857	Re-elected Circuit Judge
1860	Elected U.S. Representative from District 4
1861	Elected Representative to the State Constitutional Convention
1868	Ran for MO Supreme Court Judge but was defeated
1875	Elected Representative to the State Constitutional Convention
1876	Appointed MO Supreme Court Judge to fill out the remainder of Judge Vories' term
1878	Elected MO Supreme Court Judge and served for 10 years
1914	Died in Platte City, MO

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG005.23 1861 Missouri Constitutional Convention

RG005.25 1875 Missouri Constitutional Convention

RG550 Missouri General Assembly

RG600 Missouri Supreme Court

Judge Norton's 1914 death certificate is on the Archives' website here:

https://www.sos.mo.gov/images/archives/deathcerts/1914/1914_00027098.PDF.

Composite photograph of the 1875 Constitutional Convention in RG550

Additional External Resources

The Library of Congress has two letters signed by E.H. Norton and addressed to President Abraham Lincoln. These are maintained in the LOC's manuscript collection Abraham Lincoln Papers. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/mal.2096500/> and <https://www.loc.gov/resource/mal.2147700/>.

DOCUMENTS, 1848-1988

Extent: 1/6 to 1/5 Cubic Foot

Arrangement: None

Scope and Content

Original correspondence to and from Judge Norton, newspaper clippings on him and his family, family tree information, and eulogies.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	180	9	Large family tree. Seems to be primarily for the Huiskamp family. Judge Norton not found on tree. [Note: tree is folded; needs to be stored flat in the future.]	c1973
	180	9	Family Record showing dates of birth and death for Elijah Hise Norton, his wife Melinda C. (Wilson), and their 12 children.	02/21/1948
	180	10	Correspondence to Judge Norton from various senders, mostly his brother G.W. Norton. (12 items)	1848-1907; 1 undated
	180	11	Correspondence from Judge Norton to various recipients. (7 items)	1862-1910
	180	12	Correspondence to and from other family members of Norton's. (11 items)	1882-1988; 1 undated
	180	13	Correspondence, etc. regarding Judge Norton's estate upon his death. (3 items)	1914
	180	14	Resolution from the Buchanan County Circuit Court in honor of Judge Norton.	08/07/1914
	180	15	<u>Memorial Address on the Life and Character of Judge Elijah Hise Norton</u> by Robert P.C. Wilson. Delivered before the MO State Bar Association, St. Louis. Mentions a story involving Sen. Thomas Hart Benton.	09/24/1914
	180	16	Newspaper clippings concerning the life of Judge Norton.	1901-1911 & undated
	180	17	Newspaper clippings concerning the death of Judge Norton. Also includes the Judge's business card when he was a lawyer in Platte City.	1850 & 1914
	180	18	Newspaper clippings concerning Judge Norton's family members.	1882-1951

PHOTOGRAPHS, pre-1874-1972

Extent: 13 Images

Arrangement: Roughly chronological

Scope and Content

Photographs of the Elijah Hise Norton family from the 19th century through the 20th. All photographs have been digitized and placed on Manuscript DVD #7 in Reference.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	2	A	Portrait of John and Elizabeth Wilson (Judge Norton's parents-in-law). Cased Daguerreotype.	pre-1874
	180	19B	Portrait of Missouri A. (Green) Norton (Judge Norton's second wife). Photo by Thomson, Kansas City. 3.5"x4.75" (platinum?) print vignette on 7"x9.375" mount.	1899
	180	19C	Portrait of William F. Norton (Judge Norton's son). Photo by Williams & Thomson, Kansas City. 2.5"x4.125" carte de visite.	n.d.
	180	19D	Portrait of a young girl. Back of photo names her Clemmie Anderson. Photo by John T. Masour, Platte City, MO. Cabinet card.	n.d.
	180	19E	Very faded image of a building that looks like it <i>might</i> be Ha Ha Tonka Castle. Difficult to tell. 6"x8.5" unmounted (silver gelatin?) print.	n.d.
	180	19F	Portrait of Louise Norton. 7.5"x9" print.	n.d.
	180	19G	Three children pose in front of some chicken wire outside. The back of the photo has writing, "Norton Huiskamp / Gerard Huiskamp / Hise Norton?" 3.125"x4.125" (silver gelatin?) print.	n.d.
	180	19H	The Norton family stands outside a log cabin. Anne Eckstine "Ex" (Norton) Huiskamp is standing third from the right. 3.25"x5.5" (silver gelatin?) print.	n.d.
	180	19I	Four young girls sit on a cinder block ledge in East Hampton, Long Island. L to R: Lucy W. Norton, unnamed friend from Chicago, Jane A. Norton, and Mary Hise Norton. 3.25"x5.5" (silver gelatin?) print.	Summer 1916
	180	19J	W.F. Norton, I holds baby W.F. Norton, III. 4"x4" B&W print.	July 1946
	180	19K	Will and Margaret (Norton?) stand on rocks on a river bank. A high, treed hill is behind them. 2.75"x4.75" B&W print.	1950s-1960s
	180	19L	Color photo of Alex, Beth and Claire. They are standing outside a house, and Alex holds one of the girls in his arms. Photo taken in Liberty, MO.	06/10/1967

			3.375"x4.25" color print.	
	180	19M	Christmas card from the Jack and Mary Jane McFarland family. Has three photos: one b&w from 1957 and two color images from 1972. Names are written below the photos. 5.75"x14.25" when unfolded.	Christmas 1972